

Caddo Nation of Oklahoma Child Care Program

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Director Office of Child Care 330 C ST SW, 4th Floor Washington, DC 20201

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how Caddo Nation of Oklahoma plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- Provide family copayment waivers to ensure no additional cost is added to the family during the current pandemic.
- Provide payment based on enrollment to curb the effects of decreased enrollment and attendance numbers for in person care being provided.
- Provide increased pay rates for providers to meet the needs of additional costs regarding personal protective equipment, sanitation, and social distance measures implemented during the pandemic.
- Provide hazard payments to employees that are providing in person child care during the pandemic.
- Provide child care to first responders, health care professional and essential workers during the course of funding.
- Provide technology assistance for providers that are addressing virtual schooling during their hours of care.
- Provide families with items to prevent and combat coronavirus exposure.
- Provide educational material for families that participate in virtual schooling.
- Provide technical assistance to meet the needs of providers and families during the course of the pandemic
- Provide families, providers, and employee's access to mental health resources.
- Provide transportation for families and providers to receive their coronavirus vaccination.



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2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

• Provide items and equipment that will insure new health and safety protocols.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- Cleaning supplies regarding Coronavirus precautions.
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Facility updating to meet coronavirus compliance standards and protection measures.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- Material and equipment to meet the needs of coronavirus compliance standards and protection measures.
- Technical assistance on coronavirus.
- Educational kits and technology supplies for providers addressing virtual schooling during their hours of care.
- Mental health resources

The Caddo Nation of Oklahoma will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

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